

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph starting at line 4 on page 1 of the subject specification:

This application is a national stage of PCT International Application No. PCT/IB2004/02527, filed July 27, 2004 which claims priority of Spanish Application No. 2003/01922, filed August 8, 2003, the contents of all of which is hereby incorporated by reference into this application.

Please replace the paragraphs starting at line 25 on page 4 of the specification with the following paragraphs:

Also preferably, the protective group P is a tetrahydropyranyl, benzyl or ~~trityl~~ ~~trityl~~ (triphenylmethyl) group. More preferably still, P is a ~~trityl~~ ~~trityl~~ group.

The reaction can be carried out within a wide range of temperatures between 0°C and 130°C. Preferably, in a range of 25-70°C when P is tetrahydropyranyl, 40 to 70°C when P is benzyl and 80-120°C when P is ~~trityl~~ ~~trityl~~.

Please replace the paragraph starting at line 11 on page 5 of the specification with the following paragraph:

Preferably, the phase-transfer catalyst used is selected from among tetrabutyl ammonium bisulfate, Aliquat 336, tetrabutyl ammonium iodide, and ether ~~18-crown-6~~ ~~18-crown-6~~.